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SUBJECT: GATT AND ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

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1. ISRAELI DEL (ELIASHIV) APPROACHED US MARCH 10 TO ASK U.S. SUPPORT TO KEEP QUESTION OF OBSERVER STATUS FOR ISLAMIC CONFERENCE FROM BEING BROUGHT BEFORE GATT COUNCIL. ACCORDING TO ELIASHIV, GATT SECRETARIAT INTENDS TO BRING MATTER TO ATTENTION GATT COUNCIL AT MEETING SUBSEQUENT TO MARCH 14 COUNCIL.

2. ELIASHIV SAYS ISSUE WILL POLITICIZE GATT BY BRINGING ISRAEL-PLO QUESTION INTO GATT FORUM, SINCE PLO IS MEMBER OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE. ELIASHIV POINTS OUT THAT ISLAMIC CONFERENCE IS POLITICAL BODY THAT HAS ATTEMPTED TO GET ITS RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING ISRAEL CIRCULATED AS UN DOCUMENTS. HE THOUGHT, IF DEBATE SURFACED IN GATT
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COUNCIL, THAT U.S. WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO KEEP SILENT AND WOULD NEED TO FOLLOW THE POLITICAL LINE WE HAVE TAKEN IN UN MEETINGS. HE THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT U.S. USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH GATT SECRETARIAT TO DENY REQUEST. AT LEAST, HE HOPED U.S. COULD EXPRESS RESERVATIONS TO SECRETARIAT TO KEEP REQUEST FROM COUNCIL CONSIDERATION.

3. WE CHECKED WITH GATT SECRETARIAT, AND SECRETARIAT SAYS IT DOES NOT INTEND TO RAISE ITEM AT MARCH 14 COUNCIL. SECRETARIAT HAS ASKED ISRAEL TO SUPPLY EXAMPLES OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS WHICH ISRAEL CLAIMS ARE POLITICAL (REQUEST BY ISLAMIC CONFERENCE FOR OBSERVER STATUS EMPHASIZES ECONOMIC NATURE OF CONFERENCE AND CONTAINS EXAMPLES OF ECONOMIC RESOLUTIONS). SECRETARIAT POINTS OUT THAT THE REQUEST IS FOR OBSERVER STATUS AT THE ANNUAL CONTRACTING PARTY SESSION AND NOT FOR THE GATT COUNCIL AND OTHER WORKING BODIES. SECRETARIAT ALSO ASSURES US THAT DG LONG WILL TAKE NO ACTION ON THE MATTER UNTIL HE HAS EXAMINED ISRAELI EVIDENCE AND CONTACTED KEY MEMBERS OF GATT, INCLUDING THE U.S. VANDEN HEUVEL

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